

Interdisciplinary and International

At University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, students enrol at the Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences. The modules offered are interdisciplinary, including sociology, political science, law, and others. The first semester is dedicated to three introductory modules. They are the basis for the second semester in which students will gain insight in specific children's rights topics. The third semester has a practical focus in which students engage in a children's rights project, work as interns or write a research proposal as well as their final M.A. thesis. Over the past 10 years, the number of international students in the programme has increased to about 40-50% and the variety of disciplinary backgrounds is immense, which enriches the classroom dynamics and enables a multinational and multidisciplinary learning environment.

Target groups

The MACR is directed to everybody interested in working in the field of children's rights and in particular to:

- Graduates of social sciences, law, education, social work and other disciplines with first professional experiences.
- Professionals in governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations in the field of youth work, education, social services, health and law with a first academic degree (BA, equivalent or higher).



Class of 2015-17

Degree of successful graduation

Successful completion of modules at partner universities is recognized as part of the program at University of Applied Sciences Potsdam through standardized transcripts of records. The degree awarded to graduates of University of Applied Sciences is a Master of Arts (M.A.)

Reasons for studying the MACR

Children must be respected as social subjects with own views, ideas and feelings. They should have the possibility to play an active and responsible role in the design of their living surroundings. Therefore it is necessary to protect their rights and to ensure their full implementation. Studying the M.A. Childhood Studies and Children's Rights will enable you to contribute to making this a reality.

Tuition fees and application deadline

The tuition fees are calculated cost covering, i.e. non-profit making. At University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, tuition fees are currently 5.965€ for the entire programme excluding administrative fees of about 280€ per semester (incl. a ticket for public transportation in Berlin and Brandenburg).

The annual application deadline is May 15.

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Program Structure

Modules	Credits
<i>Semester 1; Winter, September-January</i>	
1. Childhood Studies	10 ECTS
2. Understanding Children's Rights	10 ECTS
3. Methods and Techniques of Childhood and Children's Rights Research	10 ECTS
<i>Semester 2; Summer, April-July</i>	
4. Work and Education of Children in an International and Intercultural Comparison	10 ECTS
5. Children Out Of Place and Child Rights Oriented Practice	10 ECTS
6. Children and Media	10 ECTS
<i>Semester 3; Winter, September-January</i>	
7a. Internship (240h) or 7b. Practical Project or 7c. Research Proposal	10 ECTS
Master Thesis	20 ECTS
TOTAL	90 ECTS



Linking of Theory and Practice

The M.A. Childhood Studies and Children's Rights (MACR) links theoretical knowledge to the practical world.

The importance of gaining experience in professional work is encouraged by either internships or research in relation to the work of organizations and/ or institutions in the field of children's rights. The aim is to give students an insight into the professional work field they would like to engage in after graduation and to prepare them for future employment in these sectors.



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Development of the MACR and networking

The MACR was developed in cooperation with the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights (ENMCR), to be converted into the Children's Rights European Academic Network (CREAN), a network of higher education institutions from across Europe offering study programmes children's rights and/or modules on childhood studies and children's rights in other extant study programmes.

The network has contacts with various leading human and children's rights organizations in most European countries and cooperates with different public agencies, providing them with reliable information, and welcoming their staff for guest lectures. For more information and a list of member institutions, please visit: www.enmcr.net.

The MACR has many contacts within Germany and cooperates with several organizations working in the field.

Partner universities and exchange



The MACR was developed by seven European universities from 2004–2007 and has entered into cooperation with several other universities. Students will have the possibility to go on an ERASMUS exchange to one of the partner universities. Agreements have not been established yet at the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam- it is however expected that they will be established by the start of the programme in October 2016. Prospectively the partner universities will be:

- **Babes-Bolyai University** in Cluj-Napoca, Romania; European Master in Children's Rights: <http://socasis.ubbcluj.ro/>
- **UCL Institute of Education**, UK, Social Science Faculty, MA Sociology of Childhood and Children's Rights : <http://www.ioe.ac.uk/>
- **Stockholms Universitet**, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Sweden: www.buv.su.se/english
- **Centre for Children's Rights Studies, University of Geneva, Switzerland**: (Valais Campus), <http://www.unige.ch/formcont/maschildrenrights/>
- **Mykolo Romerio University**, Faculty of Social Policy, Vilnius, Lithuania: <http://www.mruni.eu/lt/>
- **Universidade do Minho**, Institute of Child Studies, Braga, Portugal: <http://www.ie.uminho.pt/>
- **Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa**, Escola Superior de Educação, Lisbon, Portugal: <http://www.ipl.pt/>

Students may study part of the program at a partner university; this is not obligatory. It is likely that more agreements with other member university of the ENMCR network will be established.